

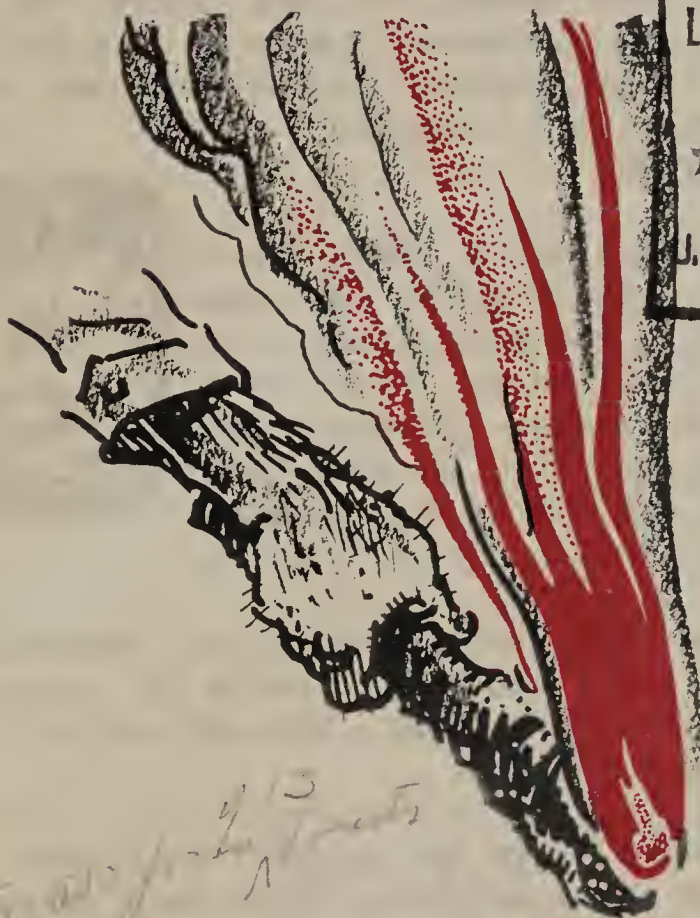
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WHAT FIRES DO TO YOUR NORTHWOODS



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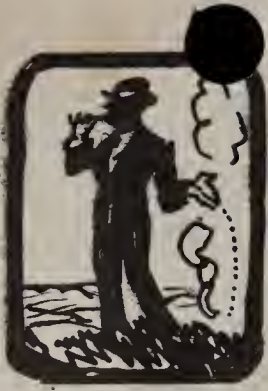
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TO THE CHILDREN OF WISCONSIN

STOP BURNING THE WOODS



A great many fires are started in the woods of the Nicolet because there are people who are careless. The fires they cause often cost them, their neighbors and friends many thousands of dollars.

Fire running on the ground kills little trees, which are tender. It also kills many of the older trees and scars trunks of countless others. Diseases get into trees through these scars and the heat damages them for lumber and other uses.

When fires burn over the ground time after time they not only kill or hurt trees, but they leave the soil bare so that the rain washes it away. The good top soil is burned off completely so that in many cases land is no longer able to support a good crop of timber trees.

However, the saddest thing about fires in the woods of the Nicolet is what they do to the wild things. Young birds and animals are killed or crippled by early spring and summer fires. They stay there trying bravely to save their babies, and they are burned and tortured to death by the flames.



You like to catch fish, but fires in the woods often kill fish. The shade along the banks is destroyed and ashes wash into the streams when it rains. Fish cannot live in such streams.

Forests help people live by supplying timber for homes and wood to keep us warm. They help save the good soil from being washed away. They are the homes



of wild things, which cannot live without places to feed and to hide. They give us beauty and a hundred uses which make our lives happier.



Almost one-half of the fires started in the woods of the Nicolet are caused by smokers who thoughtlessly throw away lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars and pipe heels. Most of the others are set by campers who fail to put out their cooking fires and by people who burn brush carelessly. All of these fires may be prevented.

If you see someone carelessly throw away a match, cigarette or cigar, put it out and then explain to them the damage it might have caused. If you go camping be sure your fire is out before you go away. Never build a fire that is too large and always camp at the forest campgrounds. If you want to burn brush or rubbish, pick out a day when there is little wind and when the air is damp. Get a burning permit from the nearest Forest Ranger.

If we use the woods wisely we can always have them and their benefits. But we can destroy them by letting fires run loose in the woods. This is your country. You can help the Forest Service to protect and restore it. One of the most useful things you can do is to help prevent fires.

Be good to the Forests and they will be good to you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FOREST
WRITE OR CALL
FOREST SUPERVISOR

NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN
OR YOUR NEAREST FOREST RANGER OR CCC CAMP.



KEEP THE FORESTS GREEN



HELP PREVENT FIRES